

#### **Community and Economic Development Department**

# **Building and Safety Division**

# Self-Certification Inspection Program

Effective date: October 12, 2015

#### PROCEDURES FOR SELF-CERTIFICATION INSPECTIONS

Purpose: This certification program will be allowed in lieu of inspections on the following type of jobs:

- 1. Re-roofing
- 2. Storage tank water heater replacement

This is a voluntary program and therefore an option to the standard method of having a building inspector visit the site to confirm compliance with the material and installation requirements of the building codes. The program must be acceptable to the homeowner.

## **Minimum Requirements:**

- 1. Must be a California Licensed Contractor in good standing with the Board or the building owner.
- 2. Must demonstrate a working knowledge of the applicable code requirement and City policies and procedures to the satisfaction of the Building Official.
- 3. Owner must complete Part 1 of the Certificate at issuance of the permit and installer must complete Part 2 of the Certificate at the completion of the job.
- 4. The signed Certificate must be submitted to the Building and Safety Division at the completion of the job.

#### Limitations:

- 1. Structure to be a single family dwelling or structure accessory to the dwelling.
- 2. For water heaters, gas line replacement is limited to flex line after shut off valve.

- 3. New overlay roofing to be asphalt shingle (a.k.a. composition shingles), hot mop, or roll roofing.
- 4. Existing roofing material to be asphalt shingle, hot mop, or roll roofing with a maximum of one existing layer of roofing, for a maximum total of two layers of roofing or remove all original roofing materials down to the roof sheathing.
- 5. Needed replacement sheathing (due to deterioration of existing sheathing) is limited to a maximum of 10 % of the total roof area.
- 6. No structural modifications of the roof framing or structure are permitted.

#### Job Card:

The Job Card is to be retained on the job site as a record for the property owner that a Permit was obtained. The contractor will provide the property owner with a copy of the signed Self-Certification Form as proof of inspection and certification.

### **Revocation of Program:**

The Building Official shall have the right to revoke the program to an installer under the following circumstances:

- 1. If evidence suggests that the installer is failing to identify and correct violations of the applicable codes, ordinance, manufactures' installation standards, laws governing contractors, or rules of this program.
- 2. If the character of the installer becomes so impeached or in question that the public trust in the program suffers.
- 3. If the installer fails to personally verify compliance with the provisions of this program.
- 4. If the installer is providing falsified documents to the City.